(a) the total number of proposals of Andhra Pradesh Government pending with his Ministry as on date; and

(b) the details of each such proposal, indicating the latest status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) and (b) Following proposals for central assistance to the State Government/equity support to Government Corporations for the year 2009-10 have been received and are being processed:—

(i) Equity contribution to Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes Cooperative Finance Corporations, of Rs. 30 crore.

(ii) Support under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, of Rs. 8.79 crore.

Special plan allocation for SCs

89. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about Hon'ble Prime Minister's directive in the 51st N.D.C. meeting held on 27th June, 2005 for Special Comprehensive Plan allocation to SCs;

(b) if so, the efforts that were made by his Ministry to obtain adequate allocation during 2007-08, 2008-09 Budget; and

(c) if not, the reasons for failure therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) Prime Minister in the 51st Meeting of the National Development Council, held on 27th June, 2005, had stated "in the mid-1970s, the SCSP and TSP were initiated. TSPs and SCSPs should be an integral part of Annual Plans as well as Five Year Plans, making provisions there non-divertible and non-lapsable, with the clear objective of bridging the gap in socio-economic development of SCs and STs within a period of 10 years".

(b) and (c) In this regard, the Planning Commission has issued detailed guidelines on formulation, implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) in October, 2005, and December, 2006, to State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments, respectively, including earmarking of funds under SCSP from the annual plan outlay, at least in proportion of the SC population to the total population.

Earmarking of funds under SCSP by States/UTs is reviewed by the Ministry, and 25% of the allocation under the scheme of Special Central Assistance to SCSP is released to States/UTs on the basis of their performance in percentage earmarking under SCSP as compared to SC population percentage in the States/UTs.